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CIA Head Likens Reds' Speeches To 'Mein Kampf'

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Washington — In the opinion of Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the speeches at the recent 20th congress of the Communist Party rank with Hitler's "Mein Kampf" as the blueprint of a threat.

Mr. Dulles made a speech about this last Friday at a University of Pennsylvania law review dinner. It was not widely reported. When Mr. Dulles takes anything seriously, the country would do well to take it seriously.

His judgment will form the basis of national judgment for a long time to come. His estimates are the estimates on which policy is made. He does not arrive at them lightly, nor does he state them for effect.

He offers in his support the proposition that if the free world had paid more attention to "Mein Kampf," it would have known in detail what to prepare for. He says that the recent talks before the Soviet congress by Communist leaders—running 500,000 or 600,000 words—must be considered as a possible new "Mein Kampf."

What he is saying in essence is: These people are telling you—wake up.

He already has found evidence that the speeches before the party congress are replacing in the Soviet Union the Stalinist texts which have guided the country so long—and that this is part of the operation of destroying Stalin.

Marshal Zhukov has directed that the writings of the congress are to serve the purpose of military indoctrination and discipline.

He has ordered the occupied areas to give to the party congress texts the classroom time formerly given to those celebrating Stalin as the military genius of World War II.

For the purposes of his speech, Mr. Dulles concentrated on that part of the party congress oratory which suggested that Communist parties might win their way abroad by parliamentary means.

"This means," he said, "that the Communists propose to infiltrate our free legislative systems, to take over our parliamentary governments, and to use the freedom which our system of government gives to destroy all vestiges of that system."

He cited Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary and Poland as examples.

The Soviet Union, he said, will use other methods—subversion and contrived civil war, and strikes and such forceful tactics through labor unions especially. But he talked most about the united front.

He reviewed familiar means by which Communists took over Czechoslovakia and other countries, always using force or the threat of force, always getting at least a minority vote, always using the willingness of other parties of the Left or extreme Right to join with them, and use of key ministries to liquidate opponents.

In his picture, the anti-Communist forces in politics may be actually in the majority, but lose their majority by splitting.

In today's situation, he said: "When the Communists obtain an effective minority position in any parliamentary body, it is a sign of serious if not critical danger. That is what they are trying to do now."

"If, in addition to that," he went on, "they have important places in the government and in particular control the ministries of defense and interior then that danger is greatly augmented and the country in question is ripe for takeover."

Control of defense and interior ministries abroad usually means control of the secret police.

Mr. Dulles said that in several countries the penetrations of Communists into parliamentary machinery are serious. He named Italy, France, and Indonesia, plus Singapore. In Asia, he said, the Communist parties have acquired "a dangerous degree of respectability" and of acceptance as "just another political party."